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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER
VAN DER STOEL MORNING AUGUST 11 AND DISCUSSED RHODESIAN
INITIATIVE ON BASIS INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT PREPARED BY BRITISH EMBASSY:
QTE A. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING ACCOM-
PANIED BY US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED.

QTE B. MR VAN DER STOEL SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE
ADVANCE NOTICE OF OUR INTENTIONS. HE WISHED THE INITIA-
TIVE EVERY SUCCESS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NETHERLANDS
WERE IN PRINCIPLE SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA OF CONTRIBUTING
TO A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND TOLD US THAT THE
NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES WERE UNDERSTANDING INSTRUCTIONS
TO SUPPORT ANY EFFORTS TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON SOUTH
AFRICA.

QTE C. MR VAN DER STOEL ASKED WHETHER THE PROPOSALS
ENVISAGED AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE FORCE. WE RESPONDED
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THAT THERE MIGHT BE A ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.
TURNING TO OIL MR VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT HE HAD
ADVANCED THE IDEA OF ENLISTING THE COOPERATION OF THE
OIL COMPANIES AT THE MINISTERIAL EUROPEAN POLITICAL
COOPERATION MEETING AT THE END OF JULY AND HAD NOTED
THAT YOU WERE THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES. HE
OFFERED HIS HELP IN ANY EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE OIL

COMPANIES TO COOPERATE, BUT AGREED TO MAKE NO APPROACH FOR THE MOMENT. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS SOME FORCE IN THE POINT WHICH THE FRENCH HAD MADE, NAMELY THAT THE SUCCESS OF SUCH NON-MANDATORY MEASURES WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE POSITION ADOPTED BY IRAN. (WE DID NOT COMMENT.) HE HAD ALSO BEEN CONCERNED THAT SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT DEMAND A PRICE FOR HER COOPERATION, BUT THOUGHT THAT THIS RISK WOULD BE DIMINISHED BY THE THREAT OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS.

QTE D. MR VAN DER STOEL CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY REPEATING THAT, WHILE HE WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS IN DETAIL, IN GENERAL THEY HAD THE NETHERLANDS SUPPORT UNQTE.

3. FOLLOWING UP DAVIDOW-BROWN TELECON EVENING OF AUGUST 10 CHARGE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE OMISSION OF POINTS PARA 7 REFTEL CONCERNING OIL PRIOR TO OUR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. BRITISH HERE HAD RECEIVED ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPT BUT WERE STILL LEFT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COVER SUBJECT AS REPORTED ABOVE. OUR PROPOSALS WERE DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHO TOOK LEAD AS AGREED THOUGHT IT PREFERABLE NOT TO GET INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL AT THIS STAGE. AFTER MEETING WE AGREED THAT IT WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE USEFUL TO REVIEW PROPOSALS WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS VAN DIJL WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

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